STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2014 No. 1806

# **POLITICAL PARTIES**

The Political Donations and Regulated Transactions (Anonymous Electors) Regulations 2014

Made	9th July 2014
Laid before Parliament	14th July 2014
Coming into force	15th September 2014

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 65(2A) of, and paragraphs 2(3B), 2(3C), 3(2) and 3(3) of Schedule 6, paragraphs 2(3) and 3(2) of Schedule 6A, paragraph 10(4A) of Schedule 7, paragraph 10(4) of Schedule 11, and paragraph 10(4) of Schedule 15 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000(1):

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Political Donations and Regulated Transactions (Anonymous Electors) Regulations 2014.

- (2) These Regulations come into force on 15th September 2014.
- (3) These Regulations extend to the United Kingdom.

#### **Evidence of anonymous registration**

**2.** A certificate of anonymous registration issued under regulation 53D of the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2008(**2**), regulation 45G of the Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001(**3**), or regulation 45F of the Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001(**4**), is evidence that an individual has an anonymous entry in an electoral register for the purposes of the following provisions of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000—

(a) section 65(2A);

<sup>(1) 2000</sup> c. 41; section 65(2A), paragraphs 2(3B),(3C), 3(2) and 3(3) of Schedule 6, paragraph 10(4A) of Schedule 7, paragraph 10(4) of Schedule 11, and paragraph 10(4) of Schedule 15 were inserted by Schedule 1 to the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22) and extended to Northern Ireland by S.I. 2014/1116. Paragraphs 2(3) and 3(2) of Schedule 6A were inserted by section 61(5) of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22), and will be commenced in respect of Northern Ireland on 15th September 2014 by S.I. 2014/1809.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I. 2008/1742; regulation 53D is inserted by S.I. 2014/1808.

<sup>(3)</sup> S.I. 2001/341; regulation 45G was inserted by S.I. 2006/2910. Other amendments are not relevant to these Regulations.

<sup>(4)</sup> S.I. 2001/497; regulation 45F was inserted by S.I. 2007/925. Other amendments are not relevant to these Regulations.

- (b) paragraphs 2(3B), 2(3C), 3(2) and 3(3) of Schedule 6;
- (c) paragraph 2(3) and 3(2) of Schedule 6A;
- (d) paragraph 10(4A) of Schedule 7;
- (e) paragraph 10(4) of Schedule 11;
- (f) paragraph 10(4) of Schedule 15.

## Revocation

**3.** The Political Donations and Regulated Transactions (Anonymous Electors) Regulations 2008(**5**) are revoked.

Andrew Robathan Minister of State Northern Ireland Office

9th July 2014

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Political donations may only be accepted from an individual if that individual is registered in an electoral register. Similarly, a registered political party may only enter into a regulated transaction (as defined by section 71F of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (c. 41) as inserted by section 61 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (c. 22)) with an individual if that individual is registered in an electoral register.

These Regulations prescribe the form of evidence required to establish that a donor or lender who has an anonymous entry in an electoral register is indeed a registered elector in the UK.

Regulation 2 provides that the prescribed form of evidence is a certificate of anonymous registration issued to a person with an anonymous entry in an electoral register in Northern Ireland, in England and Wales, or in Scotland.

Regulation 3 revokes the existing provisions in England and Wales and Scotland.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.